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## OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5289

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

By law, a special municipal election held to fill a vacancy or a newly-created office may be convened by the board of selectman or upon application of 20 electors. In the latter case, this bill creates an exception to the election calendar. Specifically, it authorizes the secretary of the state to combine the special election with a regular municipal election when the special election would fall 30 days or less before the regular election. The bill thus extends, from 150 to 180 days, the maximum length of the election calendar in these cases.

The bill does not otherwise affect special municipal election calendar requirements (e.g., time for party endorsements and a primary).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14      Nay 0      (04/05/2013)